### LOCAL MATTERS.

As CHRISTMAS is almost here and people want to know where to purchase their holiday presents, and naturally look to the newspaper for such information, all who have holiday and wares" to dispose of should defer no longer to a vertise, and they will find no surer means of conveying information than that afforded by the Gazette, the circulation of which along the ines of the different railways leading to this city makes it a particularly desirable medium.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES, Dec'r. 17, 1879. For the Middle States, southwest, veering to cooler westerly winds, falling, followed by rising barometer, with cloudy weather and occisional

TESTIMONIAL RECEIVED .- Major W. B. Deer, Commandant of Cadets at St. John's Academy, received on Thur day, the following from the marshal of the fifth division in the parade at the unveiling of the Thomas statue : COMMANDING OFFICER, CORPS OF CADETS.

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY ACADEMY, ALEXA, VA. My Dear Captain-1 have by to day's Ex press sent you a sugnt testimonial of the appreciation in which your appearance with your command on the 19th and 20th ustimo, is held I have endeavored to say, in as few words as no-sible, what has been the universal expression of all interested, civizen and soldier. The tetter means all that it says, and in netifying you in my personal capacity, I beg to express the hope that the opportunity of illustrating how thoroughly the "spirit and letter" arallied may soon occur.

Sincerely your friend, S. R HAMILL The testimonal is a beautiful specimen of ornamental permanship, and on a seroli hung in the elegant frame work is the following:

SOCIETY ARMY OF CUMBERLAND, 11TH REUNION WASH'N. D-c. 19 1879 HEADQ'RS FIFTH DIVISION.

Communiting Officer of Corps of Cadets, St. John's Military Academy, Alexandria, Va "The honor of commanding the division of parade in which your command has taken so promisent a port, is connection with the cere monies attending the unveiling of the sta up of General George H. Thomas, having been conferred upon me, I am accorded the further

pleasure of thacking you, and through you, your command, for your competation.

"To your command, and others from the States of Virginia and Maryland we are largely indebted for success and commendation in do ing homage to the memory of one of Virginia's noblest sons-as a soldier skilled and brove, as a citizer, patriorio and pare, and as s man, recalling, in the attegrity of his life, the image is which mankied was first created, the country at large does itse f honor in giving to fu ure generations a token of the honest regard in

Your appearance with us is peculiarly significant of the fact, that regardless of section. or faction, in all that pertains to the common weel, we are a unit. When the veteran in blue and the veterau in gray march shoulder to shoulder as they have done to day, the good ship of State may always find a safe auchorage within the reach of our citizen soldiery.
"I believe that I express the sentiment of

the old Army of the Cumberland, without one dissenting voice in saying, God biess and prosper you all.

"In behalf of myself and comrades, I sincerely hope that we may, ere long, have the pleas ure of meeting you all again, and with joined hands, drain our glasses to the toast. One country-one cause, our country's good-one end, our national pernetuity.

Sincere's yours. S. R. HAMILL, Marshal Fifth Division. H. D. NORTON, Adjutant General.

J. V. W. VANDERBURGH, Inspector Gen. CHARLIE D. THOMPSON, JAS. R. O'BIERNE, W. A. SHORT, Aids.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED. - As was noticed yesterday's G. z ttc, that a new trial was gract ed by the Fairf x County Court to Frank Minor, who was coov e.ed of unlawful shooting. That court never entered any judgment on this verdet, but Minor appealed to the Circuit Court, and at the last term thereof that court, on the motion of Commonwealth. dismissed the appeal, because there was no final judgment of the County Court to appeal from. and remanded the case to the County Court for further proceedings. Unlawful shooting is not the effence, but unlawful shooting with intent to main, disable, disfigure, or kill, and because the verdict of the jury did not express with which intent the uniawful shooling was done. and for this defect in their verdict, the County Court very properly, under the decision of the Court of Appeals, held that Minor had not been convicted of any offence, and set aside the deective verdict, and granted him a new irial to

be had at the pext term. PATRICK HENRY SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY.-This organization, now in its 22d year, which has witnessed the first oratorical for of some of the most distinguished members of our Alexandria bar and of other abic speakers of the day, was reorganiz d last week for the present session, and had its first debate Friday night, on the question "Should lotteries be prohibited by law?" It was sustained in a manner worthy of the old times the opening speeches of Masters Charles W. Scawell, of Gloucester, and Thomas P. Bayne, of this city, especially, being exceedingly creditable. The officers for the term are: W. Berjamin Dent, President; Franklin J. L. Wenzel and Thomas P. Bayne, Vice Presidents; Robert Lee Hoy. Secretar : George D. Hopkins, Assistant Secretary; Charles J. Beahl, Pressurer. The meetings are held in the leature room of the Academy every Friday night.

To-DAY was bright and b au iful and the streets were crowded with people making their Christmas putchases. The store windows present a very handsome appearance, and all seem to be doing a good business. Toys of all kinds are cheap and parents are buying largely to the children's delignt. The sound of the here is dying away only to be revived again with greater force, if not prevented by a "preclamatice," which is looked upon by the boys as an infringment upon their liberty. Everything locks like Christmas, which thus bigs fair to be one of the happiest and merriest. Indeed, it will be the happiest one for many years to a large number of people. Houses that were sorrowful list year will rejoice this, and hearts that were heavy will be light and free.

A FIGHT -As the local train which leaves Washington for this city at 4:20 p. m., approached the north end of the Long Bridge, yesterday evening, it was stopped to allow a wagon that had stalled across the railroad track to pull out of the way. After repeated eff rts it was found that the lead of lumber on the wagon was too beavy for the horses to move and there tere the wagon had to be unloaded. The fireman of the train undertook to help the driver of the wagon to unload and a difficulty areas between them, resulting in a first class fist fight. After some moments delay the beliger ents were separated, without any injury being done to either, and the train proceeded on its way. The interest manifested by the passengersin the fight was intence.

THE FINE WEATHER of to day tempted many sough esconse it in its carriage, and deliver it to the charge of its "trusty" nurse for a ride in the mild supshine; but these table nurses had to fast its eyes on no better scenery than the conversation therein. This accounts for the many fine baby carriages seen winding in great convenience to the residents of the county and out of filthy alleys this evening.

Y. M. C. A.—TWENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERS night in the 2nd Presbyterian Church, Though the congregation present, was not so large as on the occasion of the last anniversity meeting, yet there was a fair attendance, considering the short notice and its being preparation week for the holidays. The meeting was conducted by Rev. W. K. Boyle, and was opened with the choir singing from Ne. 3. B iss & Sankey Collection, "Come ye that love the Lord." Rev. Mr. Pearce then made he opening prayer. The choir then gave another choice relection from the No. 3, and it was well sung, as also were all the pieces rendered during the meeting. Then Rev. W. K. Boyle read the Scripture from the Gospel by John, 10th compter, followed by music, and theo Mr. Moss the General Secretary of the Washing-ton Y. M. C. A., was introduced to the audi ence, who gave, in an hour's speech, the most concise, detailed and exhaustive expise of the general work of the Y. M. C. A ever before displayed to up Al xandria assembly. His al-lusions to their local work was well timed, especially to that of the Association of this city, representing that such work should be controly individualized. He referred to the work of the Reform Club, and recommended to this Association the hearty sympathy and active co-operation in its behalf. After singles, the retiring President of the Alexandria Y. M. C. A., E F. Witmer, esq , was introduced to the congregation, and, to a short, but happy speech, gave a resume of the active work of this Association during the year of his admin istration. His general remarks were exceedngly well timed and full of interest. He then introduced to the audience the new President, Mr. B. D. Stallings, who, after referring to the circumstances of his election, and subsequent support by the older members of the Society, made some very happy remarks, giving a sketch of the real animus of these associations in their relation to the churches. His speech, on the whole, was remarkably well put. Af er singing, collection, and the benediction, prononseed by the leader, the congregation retired. The service of song was rendered by the Sunday School choir of the 2nd Presbyterian Church, led by Mr. E. F. Witmer, and the thanks of the Alexandria Y. M. C. A. were tendered to them for their kind services.

A Big Row.-For some time past the crowd of loaling, lazy negroes at the corner of Columbus and Wolfe streets has been the source of much complaint from the residents of that neighborhood. There one could see at any time, the congresated soum of the city. Buzzard's Roest. Fish own and all the alloys of the city, were there represented. Negro "sports" of all types and all shades of character met there 'gamboled on the green," and treated their loved ones to five cent drinks. Passers by could bear borribe oaths or be knocked in the head with a brick. There was a colored festi val in the neighborhood last night and the rar opportunity is presented for a little fun was not allowed to pass unimproved. As the crowd passed by on their way to the festival, one of the men discovered that his sweetheart was in the throog, banging on the arm of another. whereapen i alousy, that has maddeced better men, took possession of his soul, and from this small beginning, there grew a general rowrevolution. Nature's weapons were discarded, and bricks flow thick and last. The fight continued for some time, and heads were out, noses,-a'read; flat, made flater, and eyes, already black,-made block r. This morning five orgroes were arrested and brought before the Mayor, who fined them twenty dollars each. Of course, they e ald not pay their fines. and to the chain gang they will go, and may they be immediately put to hard work!

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION .- A meeting of this association was neld last night at the office of Capt. K Kemper, at which Gen. M. D Corse presided and J. R. Z mmer

man re ed as secretare.

A letter from Mr. E. S. Leadbeater, on behalf of the vestry of Christ church, was read, bodies of the Confederate soldiers now lying in the So'diers' Cemetery, in the northeast corner dable. of the lot of Christ church.

Letters from Secretaries McCrary and Ramsay, granting permission for the removal of the bodies from the Soldiers' Cometery were also

Gen. Corse, Capt. Geo. W. Rick, Capt. K. Kemper, Col. Theod re H. Fickler, J. R. Z mmerman, R. H Lathem and Dr. A. F. Cox, were appointed a committee for the pur pose of collecting money to defray the expens of removing the bodies, and for the erec ton of a suitable monument to the memory of the dead

The citzes will be called upon in a shor time for contributions to this worthy object, and it is hoped that a liberal response will be made.

THE LITTLE RIVER TURNPIKE - Under a warrant issued by Justice Taylor of Fairtax coucey, to O E. Hine, John A. Marshall and A. C. Landstreet, decreed, these gentlemes went over and inspected that part of the Little River Turnpike between G rmentown and Alexan dria heretefore condemord and reported the same in good repair in all its parts. This report was affirmed by Judge Sangster of the said county and the gates thereon ordered to be closed for the collection of tolls. To this ruling exceptions have been taken on points overruled by the Court: 1st, that the road was not viewed with reference to the terms of its charter. 2d that they did not go over the entire road to the Loudoun line. 3d, that these anxious to throw the gates open wore not consuited as to who or what freeholders should have been named by the justice. It is not believed that Judge Keith will grant a super-

sedeas in the case. CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE MAIL,-U S. Commissioner J. S. Fowler had before him this afternoon the case of Montgomery B. Keys, charged with robbing the mail of two registered letters, at Potomac City, Prince William Co. Keys was dismissed a day or two ago on the first charge-that of robbing the mail of a registered letter last September, but on the o her c'arge, which occurred on D cember 3 a large number of witnesses were summoded, and Keys was sent on to the grand jury. He was admitted to bail, Geo. W. Fisher becoming his surery. John M. Johnson, esq., was counsel for Keys.

BI CYCLE. - Alexandria has a bi-cycle at lest. Mr. F. E. Cerbet, deputy collector of customs, has on exhibition at the Custom House, an improved bi-cycle. A bi cycle ride must be spleadid but the unitiated might just as well try to ride a fiery, untamed steed, as a bi cycle. All the old impressions of the first attempt at skating are brought up at looking at them-how, when standing on the ice, the feet gradually slid ing apart, the d stance between them widering, until they can't go any further, and then the crash. Awful!

THE CHAIN GANG. - The jail of the city is wil filled with able boded men, and the question i. "where is the chain gang?" Smith's desire is to have the city thoroughly elensed, and is adding to the gang as fast as the petty criman's are brought b fore him. The streets of the city are not in the best condition. and could be improved greatly by the hoe and broom. Let the chain gang come out, it will a ford mother to dress her youngest child, do them good and benefit the city. To a lazy man the word "work" means something.

STATION WANTED -The people of Alexan never it such classes sup to make calls on dria county are very anxious that the Washtheir and laintances, and instead if enjoying the ington and Onio Railread should make a pure air of to-day, many an incocent babe has station, at St. Asaph junction, and sell round trip tickets from that roint. It is understood that of some smoky hovel and be regaled by that efforts are now being made to secure the desired object and if successful it will prove a named.

CANAL ITEMS.—During the week ending Saturday, December 13 1879, one hundred and eight boat left Cumberland, carrying 12 216 08

tops of coal. The Borden coal company sent two boats to Williamsport yesterday and also sent word by telephone to its boats along the line not to hasten their return as no more shipments would be made by the company this week. It is very probably that during the aemainder of the seas n coal will be shipped only to Williamsport. One thousand six hundred and seventy four tons of coal was shipped from Comberland last

THE REFORM CLUB -The R form Club of this city will receive a large number of be escorted to the M. E. Church, South, where a temperance lecture will be delivered. The visitors will return home about eleven o'clock. There will be no collation, as the Club has a use for all us funds. This Club now numbers about five hundred and is still increasing. It has room for as many more.

If you suffer with Billious Attacks, Constipotion Headache, D. sp psia, or are troubled with any disease of the Liver or Stomach, just ask your druggist's opinion of M. Larcque's Anti Billious Bitters. Our word for it, you will Strother had written a letter to Mahone vouch-before leaving purchase a bottle. W. E. ing for his own faithfulness to that party. Of Thornton, Baltimore, Md., Proprietor. Price, 25c. a package; \$1 00 per bottle.

PERSONAL -N. B. Meade, esq., now of Culpeper, fermerly the genial and accomplished editor of the Richmond Whig was in the city to day, looking remarkably well, notwith-standing the firry ordest through which he has lately passed, his very handsome new residence having been burned. Mr. M. is accompanied by his charming wife.

THE FAIR - The fair at Sarepta Hall, for the benefit of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, was largely attended last night, and a very pleasant evening was spent. A good deal of interest is manifested in the care to be voted to the most popular gentleman. Mayor Smith, Capt. K. Kemper and Dr. Lewis are the caudidates. The former was shead last night.

POLICE ITEMS.-The following cases were disposed of by the Mayor this morning : John James, Will James, John Nelson John Laws and Will Harris, for creating a dis turbance, were fined \$20 each. A young man from Wastington, for being

drunk. was fined. JEWISH CHRISTMAS .- Houka, or Christmas, celebrated by our tellow citizens of the Jewish faith, which commenced on the 25th day of Kis'ava (I coember 10) ended to day. This celebration is in commemoration of the dedieation of the temple three years after its pro-fanation by Autiochus, the King of Syria.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. - Marriago licenses were issued in Washington yesterlay, to John R. Fick and Mary E Ennie, of Prince William County, Va., and Jas M. Colling, of Wash ington, and Martha A. Geddings, of Montgomery county, Md.

Fine Hogs. - Mr. Edward Decike, who lives near Woodlawn, a short distance from this city, rought to market this morning four large hogs, one year old, weighing from 375 to 400 pounds each, and says he has more of the same kind.

DEAD -Mac A cold a respectable old colored man who tas been in the employ of the Virgi nia Midland Reilroad for a long time and prov ed a very faithful servant, died yesterday evening, after a short illness, of pocumonia.

STEAM YACHT - The steam yanht Culinaire, from Glasgow fl. ing the British flig, is lying in the stream off Washington. It is said that she is in some way or another connected with the Howgate expedetion.

Pound Party. - A pour d party will be given at the Baptis: Church to-eight for the ben-fit giving permission for the reinterment of the of the poor of the city. This is an institution of the Baptist Church, and is very commen-

> LAND SALES. - Notice is directed to the sale of two farms, the "Linden" firm, near this city, and a part of the Mt. Vernon citate, to take place to morrow.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS -The Board of Supervisors of Alexandria County met at the old Court House, in this city to day, and trans acted a good deal of routine business.

RUN OVER -Robert Schneider, the little son of Mr. Justus Schoeider, was run over this morning on King street, by a wagon, and considerably bruised, but not seriously burt.

ILL.-Capt. John C. Baggott, an old and well known cu z n of this city, is dangerously ill at his residence, in the First ward, and there is little hope of his recovery.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

At Bristel, at six o'c'ock last night, William Rider cut Wm. T. Thomas' throat with a pocket knife, severing the jugular vein, death resulting in a few minutes. Thomas was a very popular young man. The homicide causes great exitement.

One hundred negro emigrants from Goldsbord, N. C., passed throught this State last night for Washington, from whomee they go to Indiana. The poor creatures appear to know nothing of the climate of the country where they are going to, and are also ignorant as to what their condition will be when they get there. Another large number will follow these emigrants to day.

A difficulty occurred in the rotunder of the Exchange hotelin Richmond last night between Col. J.B. Lady, a member of the House of Delegates from Rockbridge, and Mr. Wm Sullivan, of Rosnoke, and his brother, Arthur O. Suilivan, re-ulting in blows. Arthur Sullivan urged his brother William o strike C. l nel Lady which he did, when Lady retaliated with blows, Arthur Sullivan in the meastime striking Lady with his crutch. The parties were separated, and no one was seriously hurt.

#### Brewery Burned. ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 17 .- The Atloona City Brewery a large frame building owned by Mar

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tin Halle, was burned early this morning.

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Letter from Richmond. [Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, VA., D.c. 16, A number of prominent Republicans were in the city yesterday and endeavored to break up the coalition between Mahone and the negroes, but without success. The Administration wanted Gen. Wickham, as it thought General Mahone's conversion was too sudden to be relied on. The Conservatives held aloof from anything like combination, and, standing to their colors, they went dews with banners flying, as true men ought to go down. Their firmness and manliness and openness were convisitors from Washington on Friday night spionous when contrasted with maccurring, next. Toey will arrive on the ferry boat and midnight caucusing policy of the other side. The voter in Alexandria and Fairfay, had he been present, would have been proud of the Conservative party. The Conservative party in Fairfax, however, must be in a hopeless minority, that is, if her representative reflects her views, for he voted and acted with, and indeed was aggressive in the service of the new Radical party. Until to-day Gen. Payne had been looked upon as one of the friends of Gen. Mahone, and at the time of his election it was even asterted that he would vote for Mahone in preference to Without The terror to the content of the service of ence to Withers. This was the rumor that reached Bichmond with the rumor that Mr. ing for his own faithfulness to that party. Of course it was discredited by those who knew Gen Payne well, but yet it shows that Gen. Payne certainly must have been kindly disposed towards Mahone. Therefore Gen Payne's questions to day were significant. He for the unird time asked, "What will be Gen. Mahone's position in Congress? Which party will he act with; the Democratic or Republican? And will he endeavor to carry his views in regard to the debt endeavor to carry his views in regard to the debt into Congress and endeavor to readjust the Nat-ional debt?" Now here was a man who had been a friend to Gen. Mahone, and was kindly disposed to him. He wanted to bring out his position, hoping that it would be in the right. And General Mahone's friends persist-ently declined to answer the questions. And then it was that Gen. Payne said, "Then I un-derstand that Gen. Mahone goes to the Senate as a Republican" and these was a serial serial

a Republican," and there was no denial.

One of his friends here to day stated that Mahone would be a liberal Republican. This is the first instance on record since the war where a man has been elected to any office The House will probably to-morrow adopt the resolution adjourning on the 20th to ment on the

6th of January.

Mr. J. C. Gibson, of Culpeper, made a speach to-day in the House in seconding the nomina-tion of Col. Withers. It was certainly one of the most original speeches ever heard in the the most original speeches ever heats in the Legislature, and the hits were as keen as a knife. He handled General Mahone pretty roughly. His closing proposition to the effect that "Gen'l, Mahone will go to the Senate to represent no party, no State, no principles, but simply to represent Bill Mahone," was received with much applause. The speeches on the Conservative side this year have been the best heard in the Legislature since the war-that is, we have had more good speeches. A gentleman from the North, a man of culture and extensive travel, who heard Daniels' speech, remarked that it was the grandest effort he ever heard, and he thought it was the third grandest specimen of orstory in the English language, ranking Burke's Warren Hastings trial speech and Webster's reply to

Hayne as the two others.

Major Daniel's second speech (the reply to Riddleberger) was better than the first, and it was, of course, entirely impromptu. It created such a stir in the ranks of toe other side that an order has come to the effect that the stenographer must not give any more speeches to the pa-pers. Of course this means Conservative speeches. It is a remarkable fact that no Read usters have i sked to have their speeches written out yet. STRONGBOW

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF A VALU-OMMISSIONER'S SALE OF A VALU-ABLE SMALL FARM CLOSE TO THE SUBUKES OF THE CITY—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Alexandria county, Virginia, rendered at its August term, 1659, in the suit of Mary P. Lloyd, guardian, plaintiff, vs J. P. Tabb. et al., defendants, in chancery, the undersigned, commissioner there-in samed, will proceed, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of December, 1879, at 12 o'clock, in front of the Marsion House Hotel, in the city of front of the Mansion House Hotel, in the city of Alexandria, Va., to sell by public auction, a TRACT OF LAND, lying in Alexandria county, Va., about one mile northwest of the city, containing about sixty acres of high land and meadow, beautifully located, and improved by the DWELLING Kitchen &c., good A FRAME DWELLING, Kitchen, &c., good barn and stables, orchard of good fruit, cistern and stream of water running through the place. Would make a good dairy farm. The land ad-joins Harper, Wolf and others, and is bounded

joins Harper, Wolf and others, and is bounded on the southwest by the old Leesburg road.

Terms: One tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and for the residue the bonds of the purchaser, with security, at 6, 12 and 18 months, to be taken for the deferred payments, with interest from the day of sale, and the title to be retained until they are fully paid. Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser. nov 14-24wts C. W. WATTLES, Comm'r.

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A PART OF MOUNT VERNON FOR
SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION—We
will offer for sale by public arction, on THURS-DAY, the 18th day of December, 1879, at twelve o'clock m, in front of the Mansion House Hotel, in the city of Alexandria, Va., a PART OF MOUNT VERNON, lving within a mile of the Mansion and tomb of Washington, contain-

ing 1557 acres o. land—50 arrer cleared; the residue in good wood and timber; valuable and convenient to a good landing on Little Hunting creek Persons desiring to see the premises will please call on Mr. E. C. Gibbs, on the land ad-joining. Plat at the office of Green & Wise. Terms of Sale: One third cash ; residue in 12, 18 and 24 months, with interest

dec 8-ts . GKEEN & WISE, for owners. ESCHEATOR'S SALE—By order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, 1, as eschestor, will offer forsale, at the front door of the Court House of Alexandria county, door of the Court House of Alexandria county, on MONDAY, the 26th day of January, 1880, that being Court day, at 12 o'clock m., TWEN-TY-ONE ACRES, two roods and twenty-one poles of LAND, in the said county of Alexandria, lately the property of James Hilton deed., which said land has a cheated to the Commonwealth, according to law.

Terms of Sale: One third of the purchase

noney will be required in cash, and the residue in two equal paymen. bearing interest from day of sale; the purchaser to execute bond, with good persons security, and the legal title to be retained till the whole of the purchase money is paid.

FRANCIS M. MILLS, dec 12-4w Eschestor

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF VALUAnounced by the Circuit Court of Prince William county, at the November special term, 1879 thereof in the chancerv suit of Stonnell vs. Ston-nell, the undersigned, special commissioners therein named, will offer for sale at public auc-tion, before the front door of the court house of the said county, on MONDAY, the 5 h day of January, 1880, (that being Court day) that VAL-UABLE FARM, situated r the said county, called "NEAESOO," containing about 643 acres. This farm lies on the Nerbaco run, about one half mile from Neabsco Mills and postoffice; one half mile from Neansco mile and possessions; it is heavily timbered and has on it a COMMO-DIOUS DWELLING and all necessary out houses, well fenced and in a good state of cultihouses, well fenced and in a good state of cultivation. It has on it also a VALUABLE SLATE QUARRY, which has been extensive-

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